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Column One
By David Courtney

THE winds in Korea are icy. There is deep snow along the whole front. Yesterday, carrier-based U.S. aircraft went out through the hard weather to bomb enemy railways, bridges and industrial plant. The day before, over 300 aircraft bombed all the way up to the banks of the Yalu. That is war; and not mere cold war either: If there is battle deadlock in Korea there is probably something worse in Indo-China, away to the south, where security with its finger to its lips says as little as it dares. The French and the loyal Viet-Namese are fighting desperately. The outcome may imperil the whole Viet-Nam defence line towards Hanoi. Like Korea, the Indo-China war is destroying lives, homes, fields, equipment, which can be ill-spared, and costing thousands upon thousands of millions of francs; without an end in sight.

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GENERAL Eisenhower on his battleship will have the maps before him, from Korea to Indo-China; and now it is reported that he intends to consult General MacArthur about the problem. They have been in communication and will meet next week, when the President-elect has returned to America. The world has much faith in General Eisenhower. He has served it well and, although a soldier, is basically a man of peace. He listens to what other people have to say, and, if it is sensible, works it into his own opinions. He has every right to listen to what General MacArthur has to say, although few of us have anything like the same faith in the man who was recalled from Tokyo as in the President-elect.

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GENERAL MacArthur, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and President Rhee have a good deal in common, and few people would like to see General Eisenhower sharing it. President Rhee has his own solution for Korea. He told it to the more than one hundred newspaper correspondents who had gathered at Seoul for the occasion of General Eisenhower's visit. The world, he said, had wasted twelve months in negotiation while China has been strengthening her hold on North Korea. U.N. should end the shilly-shally by launching a full-scale offensive, supported by amphibious landings in the rear, with the object of occupying the whole peninsula up to the Yalu. The South Koreans are willing to do the whole thing on their own, if they must. "Our troops are confident that they can break through; but win or lose we want to put the issue to the test and so end our sufferings.

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ONE can understand the impatience, even the desperate impatience, of the Korean people; but enough of them have died. It should be possible to bring their ordeal to an end by some better, quicker, less bloody means; without sending the freshly-trained South Koreans into another uncertain battle, without the doubtful aid of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek; and without adopting any of the plans which General MacArthur, until now, has had attributed to his precarious genius. It is a pity the world cannot balance the alarming uncertainties born of General Eisenhower's venturesome initiative, with the assurance that the recent U.N. resolution on Korea has a fair chance of acceptance. China's apparent obstinacy can do that country no good and, if persisted in, must wither the fragile but significant growth of a desire, in some thoughtful American circles, for a change of approach in the Far East from the military to the political level. There may then be no alternative to President Rhee's solution, to which would almost certainly be added Chiang Kai-shek's contribution.

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EUROPE — and the Middle East, — at least as much as America, will await the outcome of General Eisenhower's consultations with some nervousness. From Teheran to central and south Europe the outlook shows no signs of mending, and some signs of worsening. It may go hard for us if America should feel compelled to settle the Asian problem militarily.

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7-Nation MEDO Talks Making Good Progress

LONDON, Wednesday (Reuter). — The seven-nation talks on Middle East defence are going on "satisfactorily," it was announced in the Commons today.

Parliamentary Secretary for the Defence Ministry Nigel Birch, disclosing this in reply to a written question, said he was not in a position to make any further statements at this stage.

The discussions were being held on the basis of British proposals, which include suggestions for the establishment of a planning group for a Middle East defence organisation.

These proposals were sent to the governments of the U.S., France, Turkey, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

ANA reported from Cairo today that a high Egyptian officer is to leave for Ankara later this week for top-level talks on the formation of a Middle East Command.

No New Move For 'Palestine' Peace

UNITED NATIONS, Wednesday (UP). — No new compromise move has been made as yet in the Special Political Committee to settle Israel-Arab differences. The Committee adjourned last night after Mr. Fadhil Jamali, Iraq, opposed the eight-power resolution because it does not provide that peace talks should be based on past U.N. resolutions calling for the return of the refugees and the internationalization of Jerusalem.

The Arabs would prefer to have the Committee drop the whole Palestine issue rather than be put on record as opposing direct talks with Israel. The U.S. and France, however, are against removing the item from the agenda as was suggested also by the Norwegian delegate yesterday.

Another suggestion is to postpone the debate until next year, and there is also some talk of the Arabs trying to secure amendments of the eight-power plan to suit them.

U.S. Stages Heavy Raid On Manchurian Border

TOKYO, Wednesday (UP). — U.S. fighter bombers blasted four Communist rail terminals on the border of China yesterday in the biggest aircraft-carrier raid of the war by the U.N. Japan Sea task force.

Three carriers hurled 353 sorties at the Manchuria-Korea railway supply terminals at Hungyung, Munasw, Majin and Hyesanjin. Planes from the U.S.S. Essex ranged farther north than any U.N. bombers have gone in the entire Korean War to blast the border railroad city of Hungyung in the northeast corner of Korea only a few hundred yards from Chinese soil.

U.S., Britain to Discuss Iranian Oil Situation

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, — Secretary of State Acheson told his news conference today that he expected to discuss the Iran oil situation with British officials during the NATO Council meeting which opens in Paris on Monday.

Mr. Acheson discounted the accuracy of reports that the U.S. was trying to get the major American oil companies to combine their operations for the marketing of Iran oil. He said that State Department officials were conferring with oil interests "to get any ideas they may have" on possible solutions for the Anglo-Iran dispute.

Mr. Paul Nitze, the State Department's top policy planner, is reported to have left by plane for London for talks with British officials on the dispute.

(UP, AP)

AFTER MIDNIGHT

The Political Committee of Mapai meeting in Jerusalem last night, approved a number of steps for the broadening of the Government Coalition. The Party's Central Committee is expected to be called very shortly to consider and decide the question.

President Ben-Zvie taking the oath of office at the Knesset yesterday. Administering the oath is the Speaker, Mr. Yosef Sprinzak. In the foreground is the Clerk of the Knesset, Mr. Moshe Rosette. At left is the scene outside the Knesset following the ceremony, as the President and the Chief of Protocol, Dr. M. Simon, stand in salute at the playing of "Hatikva."

Photo By Braun and Eisenstark

U.N. Rejects Bid To Invite Bey

NEW YORK, Wednesday (AP). — The U.N. Political Committee refused to invite the Bey of Tunis to send a spokesman here to detail his complaints against France. France, which is boycotting U.N. debates on the explosive Tunisian question, had no representative present when the Committee voted 26 to 24, with seven abstentions on a motion to invite the Bey.

The resolution also called on France to reconsider her walk-out and send delegates to a meeting. This section was passed 29 to 16 with 22 abstentions.

Britain and the U.S. led a strong fight to prevent an invitation going to the Bey. Sir Gladwyn Jebb (Britain) said an invitation would be no good. Mr. Philip Jessup (U.S.) said the Bey, by accepting, would violate his treaty with France in which he undertook to take no independent action in foreign affairs.

Mr. Arkady Sobolev (USSR) supported the Arab-Asian move and said he thought the Bey's representation could give "valuable information." In a surprise move, the Committee reversed itself on this section no more than ten minutes after approving it. The vote was two in favour and 24 against, with 34 abstentions.

Supporters of the resolution said the two parts were linked together and there is no point in pressing just one section. They therefore abstained on the second vote.

1,000 Detained After Riots in Casablanca

CASABLANCA, Wednesday, — (Reuter). — No less than 1,000 Moroccans have been arrested following the rioting on Monday and last night. Seventy persons were arrested following a clash last night which claimed three lives at Beni Mellal, 250 kms. south-west of here.

The riot at Beni Mellal did not appear to be connected with the Casablanca disturbance on Monday. It occurred when police were attempting to disperse tribesmen protesting the arrest of one of their men for a minor offence.

A policeman was stoned and stabbed to death, after which the police opened fire, killing two tribesmen.

All shops, schools and offices in Casablanca were closed today for the funeral of eight Europeans killed during the rioting. Morrocan, French and Foreign Legion troops, naval commands and Moroccan militiamen were still patrolling the streets. No incidents were reported.

A regiment of Foreign Legion troops arrived here today bringing the armed forces in the city to 10,000.

Premier Nagib Abolishes Egypt's Old Constitution

CAIRO, Wednesday (Reuter). — Premier Mohammed Nagib today told the country he had torn up Egypt's 1923 constitution. He is striving for a national front of all parties to help bring in a new one, which may turn Egypt — now under a Regency on behalf of ex-King Farouk's son Ahmed Fuad — into a Republic.

His broadcast this morning said the old constitution "served as a means to further the ambitions of the ex-King (Farouk) and his Royal clique" and "contained many loopholes which the ex-King exploited."

A government-appointed committee, he announced, would draw up the new constitution.

Radio Contact Lost With Israel Ship

HAIFA, Wednesday.—The 10,000-ton Israel cargo boat, s.s. Abraham Graetz, on its way from New York to a Canadian port, cut off all radio communication today. The Israel Consul in New York has requested the U.S. Coast Guard to watch out for the vessel.

The Captain, Adam Graetz, was refused sailing papers in New York last week but nevertheless set sail without them.

TRUMAN SENDS GREETINGS

The following telegram from President Truman was received by the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Monnett B. Davis, for transmission to Mr. Ben-Zvie:

I extend to you, in the name of the American people and in my own, congratulations on your election and best wishes for every success in your new office. May I express my fervent hope that you will exert your strength towards reducing the tension that exists between the people of Israel and neighbouring states, with the goal of attaining peace at as early a time as possible.

'A Worthy Successor,' N.Y. Paper Says

NEW YORK, Wednesday (UP) — The "Herald-Tribune" said in an editorial today that President Ben-Zvie "is, in every respect, a worthy successor" to Chaim Weizmann. "He is a scholar, being an outstanding expert on Near East history. During his presidency one can logically expect Israel to pursue the same course which brought it to statehood and preserved it as a democratic island in a troubled portion of the world."

Messages of congratulations were sent by Dr. Irving Miller, President of the Zionist Organization of America, and Mr. Samuel Borowsky, President of the American Hebrew Union.

Rains Bring Relief To Parched Fields

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The *sharav* which had brought summer heat back to Israel during the past week broke today when rain fell in many parts of Israel this afternoon and evening.

The sky had been overcast from the early morning with occasional clearing. By midday, however, the sky turned grey and torrential rain fell in this area.

The heavy downpour was welcomed by farmers and citrus growers who had started to irrigate their groves again.

Rain in the northwest also brought relief to parched fields which faced heavy damage.

After a few drops that fell in Haifa in the morning a proper downpour washed the town for half an hour this afternoon. The sky remained cloudy and the weather warm. Rheumatic citizens predict more rain.

In West Galilee only light rain fell and more will be needed to set the farmers' minds at rest.

The Chief Rabbinate of Israel today ordered the reciting of prayers for rain in synagogues.

The Meteorological Services said tonight that a slow-moving depression had moved into the Eastern Mediterranean area today; the development of a shallow depression over Cyprus and the Delta region caused scattered showers throughout the country, except in the Negev. The rain started in the North and spread southward during the day.

Rainfall figures for precipitation between 6 o'clock this morning and 8 o'clock this evening were: Haifa drops, Nathanya 3 mm., Tel Aviv 3.9 mm., Lydda Airport 0.3 mm.

The outlook for tomorrow is partly cloudy with occasional showers.

Ben-Zvies to Visit Weizmann Grave

The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvie are expected to go to Rehovot this morning to visit the grave of Dr. Weizmann and to call on Mrs. Vera Weizmann.

They will later travel to Tel Benyamin and will be the dinner guests of the Foreign Minister. In the afternoon they will visit Kibbutz Bet Keshet, near Mt. Tabor, where their son, who fell in the War of Liberation, is buried.

They are scheduled to call on the Prime Minister in Tel Aviv at seven o'clock, and to visit friends and relatives before returning to Jerusalem.

An official memorial service for the late President was held last night at Bet Hahalutzot in Jerusalem. Mrs Vera Weizmann, members of the family, the President and Mrs. Ben-Zvie, and 100 representatives of religious, scientific and educational organisations throughout the country were present.

The service was opened by Mozart's Adagio and Fugue, played by the Kol Yisrael Orchestra.

The Minister of Education, Prof. Benzion Dinaburg, addressed the assembly for the Government, and after the recitation of *Yizkor*, the service closed with Cantor Bar Zachai intoning the "El Maleh Rahamim."

A cedar from the President's Forest in the Jerusalem Hills was planted yesterday on the grave on the late President. The planting marked the end of the 30-day mourning period. Mrs. Vera Weizmann, members of the family and representatives of the J.N.F. were present. Mr. Joseph Weitz, member of the J.N.F. Directorate, presented the widow with a parchment scroll.

With the sounding of the 21-gun salute heralding the inauguration of President Ben-Zvie, the Standard of the first President was lowered. Under the command of Sgan-Aluf David Arnon, his Aide-de-Camp, police and Army units stood at attention as the flag was lowered.

The grave has been adorned with two rows of Jerusalem stone flanking a marble slab. Bushes and grass have been planted about it.

Memorial services were also held on Mt. Zion yesterday.

Wish to Walk with People Fulfilled

"Simply to walk again among our people" was a wish longingly expressed during the past few hectic days by the President and Mrs. Ben-Zvie.

Their desire was abruptly granted yesterday when the Cadillac in which they were returning home from t Jerusalem Municipality broke down in upper Rehov Ben Yehuda. As the driver tinkered with the engine, the President and his wife stepped out, announcing that they "had wanted to walk like in the old days."

Crowds of spectators who had lined the street swarmed around the couple, and there ensued a round of good-natured hand-shaking and congratulatory exchanges. Near the top of Rehov Ben Yehuda, an Army sedan appeared to pick up the couple but they preferred to walk. Further along on King George Avenue, another Army sedan offered them "a lift home," but was turned down.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben-Zvie continued to walk and talk with passers-by until well beyond the Knesset when they entered a police sedan, which took them home.

(Picture on Page Four)

President Pardons 25 Prisoners

President Ben-Zvie yesterday afternoon signed pardons for 25 prisoners, it was announced. The signing ceremony took place at the President's residence.

The prisoners, who were freed yesterday, included two women and several Arabs. All of them had been serving sentences of less than two years and had nearly completed their terms. Present at the ceremony were Mr. Haim Cohen, the Minister of Justice, and Dr. Evi Hermon, Commissioner of Prisons.

Callers Stream Into President's Home

POST Reporter

The three-room apartment of the President in Rehov Ibn Gabirol continued yesterday to sound to the ring of telephone, doorbell and to the clink of glasses raised to toast the health of Mr. and Mrs. Ben-Zvie.

A thick guest book, opened only the day before yesterday, has almost been filled by the steady flow of callers. The first well-wishers early yesterday morning were about 200 Yemenites from various *ma'barot*, who were soon followed by other large delegations representing Kurdish, Iraqi and other Middle East communities in *ma'barot*.

The Foreign Minister and Mrs. Moshe Sharett arrived while the President and his wife were at the Municipality and were obliged to leave before they returned. The Prime Minister and Mrs. David Ben Gurion appeared shortly after the President and Mrs. Ben-Zvie returned home and all joined in a hearty laugh over the breakdown of the Presidential car. The Prime Minister noted that he had similar trouble with the same vehicle.

Other visitors were: Mrs. Golda Myerson, the Minister of Labour; Mr. Haim Cohen, the Minister of Justice; Rav-Aluf Mordecai Makleff, the Chief of Staff; Knesset Members; Aluf Moshe Dayan; Professor and Mrs. Walter Clay Lowdermilk; and Mr. M. Namir, Secretary-General of the Histadrut.

Old-time friends from all parts of the country continued to arrive, among them Mrs. Zippora Zeid, widow of Alexander Zeid, who together with the President were among the first members of Hashomer, the guard organisation, and who was killed during the 1936-39 disturbances.

In the early evening, the President received a delegation from the Jerusalem branch of Mapai, introduced by Mr. D. Lipow, Secretary.

More than 1,500 messages of congratulation were received by the President yesterday.

President's Flag Raised In Capital as Pledge Is Taken

Freedom of J'lem Given to New Head

By ROBERT GARY

Crowning 45 years of intimate association with Jerusalem, President Yitzhak Ben-Zvie was made yesterday a Freeman of the Capital in a short impressive ceremony at the Municipality, following the inaugural at the Knesset.

The award had previously been presented to the late President Chaim Weizmann and Prime Minister David Ben Gurion.

Hundreds of spectators, lining both sides of Jaffa Road, near the City building, broke out into applause as the President and his wife alighted from the limousine, accompanied by the Chief of Protocol, and the Presidential aide.

They were welcomed outside the Municipality by the Mayor and Mrs. Y. Kariv, District Representative A. Biran, District Police Superintendent L. Avrahami, Aluf-Mishne M. Shaham District O.C., members of the Municipal Council and a police honour guard. The President of the Supreme Court, Dr. Smoira, and the Minister of Interior, Mr. M. Shapiro, later joined in the ceremony. Walking up the heavily carpeted stairs, the President and Mrs. Ben-Zvie stopped on a number of occasions to shake hands and exchange animated greetings with old acquaintances.

In the crowded Council chamber the Mayor announced the decision to make the presentation to the President, noting Mr. Ben-Zvie's long, continuous and honourable service to the Capital and to Jewry. The document itself will be presented to the President on Independence Day.

Long Association

Obviously moved by the award, Mr. Ben-Zvie expressed his "heartfelt gratitude." He traced his association with Jerusalem, which dates back to 1907 when he first arrived from Russia, and spoke longingly of the Old City.

"Were it possible, we would have today made a pilgrimage to the Western Wall," he said.

The President concluded with a tribute to those who fell in defence of Jerusalem, which he emphasized, was "our city, our Capital, forever."

A bouquet was then presented to Mrs. Ben-Zvie by delegates of the Workers' Council. Choking back her tears, she stood up and expressed her thanks.

"Those of you who know us, realize that we are simple people who have avoided all pomp and ceremony," she declared. "We appreciate what you have done for us. I have always tried to help Jerusalem, especially her children, and will continue to do so. I still don't believe that a woman should live only in her husband's shadow."

Israel inaugurated her second President shortly after 11 a.m. yesterday when Mr. Yitzhak Ben-Zvie took the pledge of office in the Knesset in Jerusalem. As 21 guns boomed in salute the national flag and the Presidential Standard were raised above the Knesset and lowered from Dr. Chaim Weizmann's Residence in Rehovot where they had been flying at half-mast for the past 30 days of mourning.

By MOSHE BRILLIANT

President Yitzhak Ben-Zvie won hearts at his inauguration in the Knesset yesterday by what seemed a deliberate deviation from protocol. In his hand, as he entered the House for the ceremony which was to bring his long career of national service to its summit, he clutched a Bible. And when he rose to take the pledge of office, he covered his head with his new black Homburg and placed his right hand on the Book.

Protocol specifically provides that the right arm should be raised; for a pledge of office, instead of an oath. Both the religious and irreligious parties in the Knesset had favoured this, each for their own reasons. President Weizmann at his inauguration and all the Cabinet Ministers upon their induction, including some rabbis and religious scholars, had complied. Mr. Ben-Zvie's unexpected departure from established practise was warmly acclaimed later in the lobbies as a notable act of reverence.

The new President came to the House, where he had served modestly as a member since its inception, to the sound of the ram's horn. This is in accordance with custom at the coronation of Israelite Kings which, the Bible says, was accompanied by fanfares of trumpets and rams' horns.

Shofars Blown

The two persons selected for the solemn performance were a ritual slaughterer and the secretary of a theological school, both renowned for their piety. While Mr. Ben-Zvie and his entourage stood in single file in the cloak-room facing the entrance, the Shohat standing to the right of the door sounded "Tekia, Shvarim, Tekia" and the man opposite came in with a long "Tekia Gedola" on a higher note.

Preceded by the Knesset sergeant-at-arms, Aluf Yerahmiel Beikind, and followed by his military aide, Sgan Aluf Natanel Lorch, and the Chief of Protocol, Dr. Michael Simon, Mr. Ben-Zvie came into the hall.

It was not the stooped figure who for almost five years had modestly entered the Knesset, his head bent and seemingly deep in thought, dressed in a rumpled suit with a navy blue sweater under his jacket buttoned up to his neck. Mr. Ben-Zvie yesterday stood erect, with his head high. He wore a double-breasted blue serge suit with a grey tie, in his hand a black Homburg, the headgear of diplomats.

The entire assembly rose as he made his way slowly to the rostrum and the seat assigned him to the right of the Speaker, Mr. Yosef Sprinzak. Mr. Ben-Zvie shook hands with Mr. Sprinzak, and the ADC took up his place behind the President's chair.

Mr. Sprinzak conducted the brief ceremony. "Yitzhak, son of Zvie Ben-Zvie, please rise," he said. The House rose with him.

"Raise your right hand and I shall read to you your pledge as President of the State of Israel," the Speaker continued. Mr. Ben-Zvie complied. The Speaker then read the pledge of office,

"I, Yitzhak, the son of Zvie Ben-Zvie, pledge my loyalty to the State of Israel and its laws and faithfully to fulfill my duties as President of the State."

Hand On Bible

Mr. Ben-Zvie received from the Speaker a paper with the text of the oath. He put on his hat and placed his hand on the Bible, repeating the pledge.

A Knesset aide, Mr. Asher Zidon, rushed forward and offered his pen to Mr. Ben-Zvie for the signature. Mr. Ben-Zvie signed, put Mr. Zidon's pen in his pocket, and returned the signed pledge to the Speaker.

Mr. Ben-Zvie remained standing at attention and the House stood in silence as the reports of the 21-gun salute reached the House. The President's jaw quivered with emotion. In the President's box, his father who will be ninety this week, stood stiffly erect.

Mr. Ben-Zvie then reached into his breast pocket and produced his prepared speech. His voice throbbed as he began and dropped almost below audibility as he spoke with humility at stepping into the place of his illustrious predecessor. But his deep bass voice picked up volume as he went along.

His glasses raised to his forehead as he continued, he reviewed the progress and achievements during Dr. Weizmann's semi-decade and foreshadowed the great tasks ahead. As he mentioned his wife, he looked up toward the box where his family sat.

Sprinzak Tribute

On behalf of the Knesset and the nation, Mr. Sprinzak paid his tribute to the new President as a man who had devoted his life to the service of his people, from the regime of Sultan Abdul Hamid until this day. He concluded with, "Long live the President of the State of Israel," and the chant echoed and re-echoed from all parts of the House.

Outside, under the window, the police band played "Hatikva" and the assembly joined in.

The President was then conducted to the front of the Knesset, to review the parade, but stopped to shake hands with Knesset officials.

In the Knesset restaurant later, his speech was warmly praised and his bringing his own Bible with him much admired.

From the President's Box in the gallery, the President's 90 year old father, Mr. Zvie Shimshi, and his step-mother, Mrs. Shimshi; the new First Lady, Mrs. Rahel Yanait Ben-Zvie, who wore a black suit and hat; his son and daughter-in-law looked down. The first row of the gallery was occupied by Diplomatic consular representatives of twenty nations headed by the Chief of the Diplomatic Corps, Ambassador Monnett B. Davis of the United States. Except for the Bulgarian Minister, Soviet Bloc countries were not represented, reversing the position in 1949, when President Weizmann was inaugurated in Jerusalem. The Soviet Minister was then the only diplomat present, the Western diplomats having stayed away because they had not recognized Jerusalem as the capital.

Other visitors seated in the Knesset hall included members of the Supreme Court, members of the Jewish Agency Executive, senior Army officers, and Government officials and religious leaders.

As the President and Mrs. Ben-Zvie again passed by the Knesset building, on foot, accompanied by their entourage, and followed by mounted police, the modesty of the couple was taken as an another and characteristic evidence of their simplicity.

"I wish there were another ballot. I'd vote for him today," said one Herut member.

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PRESIDENT'S STAFF

Sgan-Aluf Nathaniel Lorch has been appointed Aide-de-Camp to the President, and Mr. David Bartuv, who served as coordinator of the President's Office at Hakirya, is to fill the same post in Jerusalem. Mrs. Dorit Rosen, of the Prime Minister's Office, has been seconded temporarily to the President's Office.

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Social & Personal

Those invited to The JERUSALEM POST reception are reminded that it is taking place this afternoon at the King David Hotel, from five p.m. until eight; and not at the Editor's house.

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A reception honouring active members of the Keren Hayesod-United Israel Appeal in South Africa, Argentina, Mexico and France was held yesterday at Bet Shalom in Jerusalem. The guests were received by Mr. Beri Locker, President of the Directorate; Mr. A. Duvdevani, chairman; Dr. A. Hantke, and Mr. Eri Herman, members, and representatives of the Jewish Agency and other organizations.

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M. Joseph Linton left by P.A.L. yesterday for Tokyo to take up his new post as Israel's first Minister to Japan. He was accompanied by Mr. Evri Gilron, First Secretary at the new Legation.

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Mrs. Samuel Rosenzohn, National President of Hadassah, was the guest of honour at a luncheon tendered yesterday by Mrs. Rebecca Sieff at her home in Tel Mond. The luncheon was attended by Mrs. Maxwell Davis, Mrs. Bruce McDaniel, Mrs. Rebecca Shulman, Mrs. Milton Fried and her mother Mrs. Sidney Hillman, Mrs. Meyer Weisgal, and members of the Hadassah Council of Israel and WIZO Executive.

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A reception for the outgoing directors of the Jerusalem Branch of Bank Leumi, Mr. Moshe Barzilai and Mr. Menahem Cohen, and for Mr. Matityahu Lunzi, and Mr. Yehuda Yankowski, who are to replace them, was held yesterday at the Bank's offices in Jerusalem. Mr. S. Hoofien, Director of the Bank Leumi, received the guests.

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Dr. Harry D. Gideonse, President of Brooklyn College, who spent a week in Israel as guest of the Hebrew University, has left the country.

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Dr. Ja'acov van ... Hoeden, Director of the ... Institute in Tel Aviv, left ... for Washington, under the ... auspices of the W.H.O., to attend a symposium on Leptospirosis.

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Representatives of UNICEF in Israel held their annual party for immigrant children in the Kfar Saba ma'abara yesterday. The party was attended by Government representatives.

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At today's luncheon meeting of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club, Dr. J.D. Ophen, director of the Citrus Department of the Ministry of Agriculture, will speak on "Agriculture Research in Israel."

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The annual Hanukka bazaar in aid of the WIZO Children's Fund will take place on Monday and Tuesday at the Z.O.A. House, Tel Aviv, from 4.30 p.m. to midnight.

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BIRTH

Van BAALTZ — To Bertie (nee Kaufman), wife of Peretz van Baaltz, at Kiryat Bialik, on December 12, 1952 — a daughter, Tirzah Basmath.

Death of Mrs. Lyons

KFAR SABA, Wednesday.— The death occurred at her home in Gan Hasharon near here today of Mrs. Ethel Lyons, after a long illness. She was 72. She leaves a husband, four daughters and three sons.

Of the three daughters and one son now in Israel, one is Mrs. Molly Lyons-Bar David. Mrs. Lyons came to Palestine with her husband, Zvie, from Canada in 1935, where he had been active in local Zionist circles and had helped found the Canadian committee for Gan Hasharon. The family settled in a house built in their grove in the village.

The funeral will leave the deceased's home in Gan Hasharon for interment in Tsofit at 3 p.m. tomorrow.

'Herut' Hails New President As Nation's Choice

With the inauguration ceremony, Mr. Ben-Zvie has ceased to be a party representative and has become the elect of the nation, a personality standing above all parties and symbolising the whole State, says "Herut." The paper, which earlier had been very outspoken in its opposition to the election of Mr. Ben-Zvie, emphasizes that the President's task is not easy, though it lacks real executive power, and wishes Mr. Ben-Zvie success in his high office.

"Davar" (Histadrut) and "Haboker" (General Zionist) devote special feature pages to the memory of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, first President of Israel, as "Ha'aretz" (Independent) and "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) had done before.

"Ha'aretz" criticises the Government for the recalling Dr. A. Kubovy, the Israel Envoy to Prague, immediately after he had been calumniated by official spokesmen of the Czechoslovak Government as a "spy." Israel should not have left the initiative in the hands of the Prague (and Warsaw) Governments, which now have declared our Envoy *persona non grata.*"

On the other hand, the paper rejects the suggestion made by certain Jewish circles in America who demand a rupture of all diplomatic relations between Israel and Czechoslovakia. "Ha'aretz" emphasizes that in spite of the anti-Semitic and anti-Israel campaign led by the present Prague Government, Israel as a State is not at war with Czechoslovakia. The paper notes that even the "Herut" leader, Mr. Begin, who is fond of strong demonstrations, did not advocate a full rupture of relations. If in the future we may be prevented from maintaining normal diplomatic relations with that country, the blame will fall on its government, and not on Israel, the paper says. It concludes that the real defence of our national honour will be an educational campaign among our youth against Stalinist influences.

Critical of Avriel

A columnist in "Haboker" criticizes Mr. E. Avriel, former Israel Envoy in Prague and now Director General of the Finance Ministry, for the "precipitate publication of memoirs of his Prague activities which are now appearing as a serial in "Ma'ariv." (Mr. Avriel's comments on the existence of an "Avriel Plan" have meanwhile been re-printed in extenso in the Communist "Kol Ha'am" as a "proof" for the "authenticity" of the Prague allegations).

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) severely attacks Maki (the "Israel Communist Party") for endorsing in full the "false accusations" pronounced in the Prague trial against the Jewish national liberation movement, and for joining the anti-Zionist hate-campaign. Furthermore, the Secretary General of the C.P., Mr. S. Mikunis, extended the Prague allegations against Mr. M. Oren to Mapam as a whole, since Mapam declared its solidarity with its "comrade and representative" Oren. The paper says that Maki's attack on Mapam means help for the anti-Soviet and anti-leftist campaign of the reactionary parties. "Al Hamishmar" sharply condemns the arson attempt against the Communist club-house in Jerusalem, the Czechoslovaw Legation and the car of the Soviet Legation in Tel Aviv, which are, according to the paper, results of that reckless campaign.

The paper publishes a warning from the Mapam Central Committee against signing the Mapai-sponsored petition, since, according to Mapam's statement, "its purpose is not the defence of Zionism and the State, but propaganda against the Soviet Union and the People's Democracies."

"Kol Ha'am" (Communist) decries in its leading article the "provocative" petition which aims, according to the paper, at diverting the masses from their struggle against unemployment, the high cost of living, etc.

On U.S. Zionism

"Davar" (Histadrut) devotes its editorial to the situation in the Z.O.A., where, according to "Haboker," Rabbi I. Miller has recently been condemned by certain circles as the "foremost liquidator" of that organization. Rabbi Miller's "sin is of course that he is in favour of strengthening the joint Zionist Council in America. If the opposition to any co-ordination of Zionist activities in the fields of public relations, the Hebrew language, vocational training for Israel, etc., is "true General Zionism," we should not wonder that "Haboker" decried the election of a Labour President as a "Cominform epilogue." "Davar" concludes.

"Hatsofe" (Mizrahi) says that the present U.N. deliberations on the Palestine draft-resolution once more clearly show Israel's eagerness for peace, while the Arab States continue their obstructive tactics.

"Haboker" urges the Government to come to the financial succour of the municipalities, in order to prevent a breakdown of their vital services. "Herut" calls for a renewal of the "Local Products' Association" in connection with the expected influx of reparation goods which will endanger the very existence of local industries.

"Hamodia" (Agudat Israel) notes with cautious satisfaction Poale Agudat Israel's submission to the ultimatum of the "Council of Sages" against joining the Government. The paper appeals to Hapoel Hamizrahi and Mizrahi to accept the verdict of the Sages and oppose the Government on the issue of National Service for girls.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

9-5: Jerusalem Biblical Zoo Bonanza. Bus 15, Feeding time: 3-3 p.m.
8.30-12.30, 3-6: American Library and Reading Room, U.S. Consulate, Masaryk Road, Entrance Free.
9-1, 2-5: Exhibition: Contemporary French Works of Art, donated by the artists and ex-lovers of France, and other recent acquisitions and gifts. Wanny Hagg, Designer. On the occasion of the 180th Anniversary of his birth. Hannikka Lamps. From the collection of the Museum. Exhibit of the Mendle Laboratory of an Alchemist: oil painting 1650, by David Ryckaert III 1612-1661. New acquisition of the National Museum. Re-opened.
10-1; 4-6: Exhibition: UNESCO: Human Rights. Artists House.
9-6: Archaeological Exhibition. Dept. of Antiquities. Also Temporary exhibition — Recent acquisitions: 25 Rehov Salome Hamelech.
10-5: Bezalel: Textiles.
11.30-12.30: Film Show at Keren Hayesod Head Office.

TEL AVIV

10-1: National Exhibition, over 200 prints are from all over the country participating. Museum.
9-1, 4-7: Jaacb Pins, Woodcuts and Drawings. Bet Sarah Ary Shop, 12 Rehov Ben Yehuda.
8 p.m.: "Pick-Up Girl," Chamber Theatre, Mograbi Hall.
8 p.m.: "Lady Precious Stream," Chamber Theatre, Oved Ahuza Hall.

HAIFA

10-1, 4-6: Collective Exhibition of Paintings, drawings, prints and sculpture by Rumeshev, Ephraim-Markus, Ashkenazi, Schwerin. Municipal Museum, Town Hall.
6-7 p.m.: Exhibition of Paintings by Gabi Shatz. Artists' House, 12 Rehov UNO (opp. Consulate, Czech.).

RAMAT GAN

8.30 p.m.: Li-La-Lo, Wonderful Revue, "It Will be Good." Rosza Hall.

At the Cinema

"WAIT for the Sunshine, Nellie" (Amphitheatre, Haifa) has one of those subjects beloved of Hollywood, the history of a family over fifty years, bound up with the growth of the small town. The young man (Dick Wayne) brings his bride (Jean Peters) home. He is immensely proud of his "immortal saloon"; she yearns for the lights of the city. He slowly builds up his property and she is killed in a railway accident, while eloping with another man to Chicago. The hero's attempt to remarry is cut short by the burning of the barber's shop. He rebuilds it on a grander scale, suitable to a prosperous town. His son turned gangster is killed, while the father is trying to win him back. Life contains both good and bad; and the final satisfaction is the barber's honoured place in the community and his daughter's marriage to the son of the man who was too snobbish to invite him 50 years ago. "Wait for the Sunshine, Nellie," although very sad, has something to it. Its quality lies in its restriction to factual narration. The story tells itself.

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"KIM" (Eden, Jiem) is the story of the boy-hero of Kipling's last Indian novel: he is educated by a Tibet priest in the faith of Buddha. Versatile but vagrant, he finds a master and teacher in the gracious old man, and in return leads and protects him through physical danger. This symbolic tale is shown against an exotic Oriental background. Dean Stockwell is irresistible in the title-role, Paul Lukas is a loveable Lama, while Errol Flynn acts pasuasively as Redbeard. A good entertainment in technicolor for young and old.

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Sat. at 6.15 & 8.45 p.m.

ARMON: Adventure.
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EDISON: Tales of Hoffman.
OR-GIL: Painting the Clouds with Sunshine.
ORION: Fixed Bayonets.
STUDIO: Cause for Alarm.
ZION: A Song to Remember.

Haifa Cinemas

ATZMON: (Tel.5251): Up In Arms.

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11 Records Broken At Army Meet

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Eleven new Army records were broken at the track and field army championships which took place in the Maccabi stadium here yesterday and today.

The records were:
100 metres — Moshe Mafit, of Training Command, in 11.2 sec. 400 metres — Moshe Mafit, in 52.1 sec. 1,500 metres — E. Bendori of Navy, in 4:18.6 min. 5,000 metres — E. Sadek in 16:46.6 min. SHOTPUT: Baruch Rahea 9th Command, 13.62 metres. HIGH JUMP: M. Rahea, 1.70 metres, Northern Command. HOP-STEP-JUMP: Y. Ron of Training Command, 12.57 metres. RELAY RACE 4X100 METRES: Training Command, 47.4 sec. OLYMPIC RELAY RACE: Training Command 3:10 minutes. Girls: 80-metres, Lea Horowitz, Training Command, 4.3 sec. SHOTPUT: Alara Polonsky, Training Command, 9.98 metres. The Army Training Command took first place with a total of 125 points; second places went to Nahal and 8th Command with 46 points each; fourth and fifth places were taken by the Air Force with 40 points and Southern Command with 33 points.

Trophies were awarded by Aluf Mishosh Y. Pridor, O.C. 8th Command. Some 2,000 people, including high-ranking Army officers watched the events.

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ON THE AIR

JERUSALEM: 607 M.; HAIFA: 249 M.; TEL AVIV: 41.6, 31.3 & 522 M.

FIRST PROGRAMME

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 7.30, 12.05, 1.30, 6.15 & 11.50 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m., 2.15 & 4.10 p.m.
6.35 a.m. Services. 6.50 Exercises. 6.57 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 8.10 Close Down.
10.35 a.m. Music While You Work (R). 11.00 At the Opera (R). 11.40 Housewives' Corner. 12.03 Programme for Hospitals. 12.30 Concert Hall: "Impartient" (Tchaikowsky); Concerto for Piano & Orchestra (Grieg); Slavonic Rhapsody (Dvorak). 1.45 Break for Music. 2.00 Close Down.
4.00 p.m. Variety (R). 4.45 Popular Instruments. 5.05 Musical Miniatures. 5.30 Child's Corner. 5.45 Children's Hour. 7.00 Variety (R). 7.07 Programme Announcements. 7.10 "The Voice of the Violin." 7.30 "Where to Go" (Jerusalem). 7.50 Light Music (I.A.). 8.50 Press Conference. 8.55 Interval. 9.00 Concert: Israel Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Paul Kletzki. Soloist: Shmuel Bronfman. Excerpts from Operas & Songs. 9.05 Chamber Music (R). 10.30 Music (R). 11.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

491, 225, 214 & 41.9 M.

English News: 1.45 p.m.: 10.15 p.m. French: 2.00 p.m.
4.00 p.m. Piano of Music (R). 4.45 Music (R). 5.00 Programme for Youngsters. 5.30 Pulse: Aron Lesser (R). 5.50 Science Studio. 6.00 Music (R). 6.30 Agricultural Corner. 6.45 Close Down.
Immigrants' Hour (31.5, 41.5 & 202 M.): French: 6.30 p.m. Ladino: 7.00 p.m. Yiddish: 7.30 p.m.
Kol Zion Legola (33.3 M.): 11.15 p.m. Newscast. 11.30 Here and There. 11.35 Musical Greetings.
ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 214, 297 & 379 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Classical Requests. 7.00 Today's Sports. 7.35 "Documents of Inspiration." 7.50 Vocal Record. 8.00 Press Conference. 8.30 News. 8.45 Vocal Record. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.
VOICE OF AMERICA: Hebrew Programme: 9-9.30 p.m. (31, 16, 19 & 25 M.): This Week in New York.
B.B.C.: HEBREW BROADCASTS: (31.01 & 25.53 M.): 4.30-7.40 p.m. News Talk. The Week's Feature.

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CAPITAL — Authorised £1,000,000		INVESTMENTS at Book values after deducting Investment Reserves	£2,570,674
Issued and fully paid up — 50,000 shares	£ 500,000	CURRENT ASSETS :	
RESERVES AND SURPLUS	633,082	Agents' Balances, Sundry Debtors and Debit Balances	547,663
MARINE, AVIATION AND TRANSIT INSURANCE FUND	1,737,344	Cash in hand and with Banks (on current account and on deposit)	342,285
CURRENT LIABILITIES, PROVISIONS AND RESERVES	571,196		
	£3,460,622		£3,460,622

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1950

CREDIT		DEBIT	
Balance, January 1, 1950	£ 149,543	Taxation on Interest and Profits including Taxation on income of current year	£ 158,336
Interest and Dividends	211,901	Interim and proposed final dividend	88,000
Transfer from Marine, Aviation and Transit Insurance Account	125,000	Transfer to Reserve for Staff Pension Fund, Contribution, etc.	24,500
		Balance as per Balance Sheet	148,339
	£ 386,444		£ 386,444

ISRAEL PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1950

CREDIT		DEBIT	
Balance Loss for year	IL.1,467,754	Loss transferred from Marine Account	IL.1,467,754

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Liverpool, July 31, 1952.
Certified abridged version of the original Balance Sheet and the related Profit and Loss Account.
Tel Aviv, September 14, 1952. Kesselman and Kesselman, Certified Accountants, Auditors.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1951.

Total 1950		Total	Total 1950		Total
	CAPITAL — Authorised £1,000,000		£2,570,674	INVESTMENTS at Book values after deducting Investment Reserves	£2,718,847
£ 500,000	Issued and fully paid up — 50,000 Shares of £10 each	£ 500,000		CURRENT ASSETS :	
	RESERVES AND SURPLUS :		532,097	Agents' Balances and Sundry Debtors	680,718
450,000	General Reserve	450,000	787	Outstanding Interest and Dividends	982
33,839	Contingencies Reserves	33,039	14,043	Interest and Dividends accrued but not payable	13,494
148,823	Profit and Loss Account	148,304	734	Policy Stamps in hand	697
1,737,344	MARINE AVIATION AND TRANSIT INSURANCE FUND	1,938,870	87,617	Cash on deposit	26,868
	Amount set aside for future Tax Liability in respect of current year's profits :		284,088	Cash in hand and on Current Account	263,806
80,000	Income Tax	82,000			
56,000	Dominion, Colonial and Foreign Taxation	37,000			
463,196	CURRENT LIABILITIES, PROVISIONS AND RESERVES	577,681			
£3,460,822		£3,704,724	£3,460,822		£3,704,724

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Liverpool, Oct. 22, 1952. Signed on behalf of the Board : E.A.G. CAROE, Chairman
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Liverpool, Oct. 22, 1952. D.A. Holmes, Secretary.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1951

Total 1950		Total	Total 1950		Total
£ 149,543	Balance, January 1, 1951	148,339	£ 158,336	Taxation on Interest and Profits including Taxation on income of current year	£ 178,913
111,901	Interest and Dividends	115,506	113	Balances irrecoverable	74
125,000	Transfer from Marine, Aviation and Transit Insurance Account	135,000	473	Auditors' Remuneration	473
			—	Losses on Exchange	2,122
			55,000	Interim and proposed final dividend	80,938
			6,500	Contribution to Staff Widows' Annuity Fund	1,500
			17,500	Transfer to Reserve for Staff Pension Fund	14,500
			—	Transfer to General Reserve	—
			148,823	Balance as per Balance Sheet	148,304
£ 386,444		£ 399,029	£ 386,444		£ 399,029

Profits and Losses on Investments realised and fluctuations thereon have been dealt with through the Investment Reserve Account.

ISRAEL PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1951.

CREDIT		DEBIT	
Gross Interest	IL. 100,000	Loss transferred from Marine Account	IL.4,238,702
Loss for year	4,138,702		
	IL.4,238,702		IL.4,238,702

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Today's Postbag

THE WEATHER

	A	B	C	D
Mt. Carmel	60	51	56	50
Haifa	64	59	62	59
Tiberias	60	52	56	52
Nahariya	63	58	61	58
Tel Aviv Port	73	68	71	68
Lydda	73	67	71	67
Jerusalem	62	57	59	56
Beersheba	68	57	63	57
Haifa	70	67	71	69

FORECAST: Partly cloudy with scattered showers.

(A) Thursday at 1 p.m. (B) Minimum temp. expected today.

SOME 580 Haifa port workers, 72 per cent of those entitled to vote, have elected a 13-man committee, 14 of whom are Mapai and one independent.

A MOTORCYCLE repair shop at 9 Rehov Zevulun in Haifa was seriously damaged by fire last night. The blaze was reportedly started by a negligent worker, Zvi Lieberman, 43, who was taken to Rambam Hospital with bad burns.

12 SHOPS and restaurants throughout the country had their licenses revoked up to one month for contravening Control regulations.

CURRENCY IN CIRCULATION rose last week by IL.1.5m. to IL.128,927,300 at the close of banking business last night. The increase was in treasury bills which rose to IL.41,940,000.—

PUPILS OF SCHOOLS for working youth will be permitted to board buses without standing in queues between 4.30 and 6 p.m. in Jerusalem in order to facilitate their travel from work to school, it was announced yesterday.

NATHAN ZARADAS, 28 of Nes Ziona who was hit by an Army car while crossing the road there on Tuesday night, was taken to Barzilai Hospital in a serious condition. The driver, Haim Cordova, 21, was detained.

Lebanese Boat Captured

A Lebanese boat was captured in the territorial waters of Israel on December 5, an Army spokesman said yesterday. The seven crew members said they had been en route to Beirut from Gaza and had lost their way in a fog.

Another Lebanese craft was intercepted on December 1, the spokesman said on Tuesday.

12 Beduin Fined, 2 Sent to Jail

BEERSHEBA, Wednesday.—Twelve Beduin of the Beersheba area were fined from IL.10 to IL.50 each by the Summary Military Court today for leaving a restricted area without special permission.

For harbouring a woman infiltrator, a Beduin was sentenced to three months' imprisonment; and for crossing the lines to Jordan another was fined IL.50 and given two months' imprisonment.

'Israel-Made Arms Smuggled Into Jordan

"A-Diffa", the Old City daily, reported yesterday that large quantities of "Israel-made pistols and ammunition" are being smuggled into Jordan and being sold in Nablus.

One person was found in possession of the arms, the paper said. A search is being made for the leader of the smugglers who is believed to maintain personal relations with Israelis.

New Jordan Delegate Meets Israel M.A.C.

Azmi Nashashibi, the new Jordan senior delegate to the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission, was presented yesterday to the Israel members by General Bennet L. de Ridder, U.N. chairman, "A-Diffa," reports. General de Ridder was discharged from hospital on Tuesday after a brief illness, it was said.

985,000 TONS OF OIL SHIPPED FROM SYRIA

DAMASCUS, Wednesday (Reuter). — The Iraq Petroleum Company announced here that crude oil shipped from Syrian ports during last month totalled 985,366 tons.

Oil shipments from the Lebanese port of Tripoli during the same period was 675,313 tons.

RATION NEWS

JERUSALEM — Sugar: 1,100 grams additional 500 grams for Aleph, Alef 15, temporary 1. 1/2 grams a day. Margarine: 600 grams. Oleg 7, 17, 670 grams a day. Pulses: meat: 100 grams. Gimel 20, temporary 34.

TEL AVIV — Pulses meat: 100 grams. Gimel 20, temporary 34, 70 grams a person for invalids: 500 grams. Het Aleph 1, Het Bet 10, Het Gimel 22, coupon 24, Gimel 22, 250 grams a day.

HAIFA — Wool for expectant mothers: 750 grams, coupon 17.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT — Sugar: 2, Het 4, temporary 7, Petah Tikva, Nathanya, Kfar Saba, Ra'anana: for invalids: Het Aleph 1, 4; Het Bet 10, 3; Het Gimel 22, 6; for vegetarians: 10, Gimel 5, 16; for expectant mothers: 16, coupon 23, 24. Pulses: for aged persons: Het Aleph 1; Het Bet 10, Het Gimel 23, 250 grams. Kfar Saba, Ra'anana, Magdiel, Ramatayim, Bnei Brak will receive items sent instead of quantity. Tiberias not reckoned.

Isolated Jewish Village in Morocco Visited by American Rabbi

An isolated Jewish mountain village in the southern interior of Morocco, the seventh of its kind to be discovered, was visited by Dr. Israel Goldstein, President of the American Jewish Congress, together with Mr. William Bein, Director of the Joint Distribution Committee in North Africa, on a recent tour of the French protectorate. They were the first Western Jews to reach the village.

Located south of Marrakesh, the village, called Igni Nishnain, was reached by way of an obscure mountain pass. Dr. Goldstein reported that it consisted of 145 men, women and children, comprising 34 families, who live in stone and mud huts and earn their living from spinning and weaving rugs, raising poultry and working on Arab-owned farms in the neighbourhood.

"They strictly observe all the the religious traditions of Judaism," he said, "and the first sounds which reached us even before we saw their huts were [illegible] of children chanting prayers in the synagogue which also serves as the schoolhouse."

Every family in the village, without exception, expressed a desire to go to Israel, Dr. Goldstein stated, adding, "Now that they have been contacted, the Joint Distribution Committee will provide for their immediate needs and the Jewish Agency will examine the possibility of bringing them to Israel either singly or in groups."

To commemorate the visit, the rabbi and the villagers of Igni Nishnain presented Dr. Goldstein with two ancient Megillahs — scrolls of the Book of Esther — which he has brought back with him for examination by authorities on ancient Jewish manuscripts.

El Al Looks Forward To Jet Travel

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — El Al, the Israel airline, is now making plans to obtain new planes and equipment to keep the line competitive in future years. Possibilities of replacing the present fleet of Constellation planes with either jets, Super-Constellations or DC-6B's (the Super-Cloudmaster) by 1954 are being considered, the press was told here today at a reception marking the completion of three years of regular flights.

To purchase these most expensive planes within the next two or three years — without which El Al would be relegated to the rank of a small company flying old aircraft on a charter basis—a heavy outlay in foreign currency is necessary, Mr. Arye L. Pinkus, Managing Director of the airline, said.

To maintain the Israel character of the airline and to preserve it as an Israel company the Government must invest between $2m. to $3m. to counterbalance foreign investments, Mr. Pinkus pointed out that El Al saves the Government many millions of dollars which would otherwise be paid to foreign airlines for carrying passengers, freight and mail.

American Immigrants Group Asks U.S. Zionists' Help

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — A call to all Zionist organizations and parties in the U.S. to increase their efforts in education aimed at emigration to Israel was made by the second annual convention of the American Settlers Association, which closed here tonight.

The convention adopted a set of regulations for the reception of new immigrants from the U.S. and Canada.

A resolution calling upon the Government and the Jewish Agency to grant special conditions to settlers from America, such as free exit from the country, the right to use their funds abroad freely and exemption from military service for those who had served in an Army before, was also adopted.

Mr. Lee Harris, vice-president of the Palestine Economic Corporation, was elected National Chairman in succession to Dr. H.M. Pomeranz, who was appointed Honorary Chairman. Vice-Chairmen elected were Mrs. Martha Elkins, of Jerusalem and Mr. Akiva Skidel of Kfar Blum.

Public Tax Committee Established

A Public Advisory Committee on Taxes which is to examine both direct and income taxes has been appointed by Finance Minister Levi Eshkol.

The Committee is to examine and prepare proposals to relate taxes to wages following the New Economic Policy. The Committee will also discuss the tax rate of higher income brackets and prepare, before February 14, the many amendments to the Tax Law which the Knesset approved on August 5, 1952.

The chairman is Dr. Arthur Bergmap, head of the National Revenue Department of the Finance Ministry. The members are: Mr. A. Baverly, Certified Public Accountant; Mr. A. Becker, of the Histadrut Executive; Mr. Berl Repetur, of the Histadrut Executive; Mr. Avraham Levin, advocate; Mr. Y. Shapira, Director of the Palestine Electric Corporation; Dr. D. Patinkin, of the Hebrew University; and Dr. Alexander Katz, of the Technion.

POLICEMAN SHOT

TEL AVIV, Wednesday (ITIM). — A Circassian policeman was killed and two others were injured as a result of an exchange of rifle shots between watchmen of Kfar Ruppin, who mistook them for marauders there last night. The accident occurred while police were lying in ambush.

184 New Students in Med School

Some 184 new students have been admitted to the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School for the 1952/53 semester, Mr. M. Prywes, Assistant Dean of the School, announced yesterday. The majority of the new students are Israelis who had previously studied medicine abroad and graduates of Israel secondary schools.

Sixty secondary school graduates, including 11 women, have been admitted to the newly-instituted first year class of the School. The students were selected from among 180 candidates after passing competitive examinations and having been interviewed by members of the Admissions Committee.

Fifty-five students, of whom more than 30 had previously studied medicine in Europe and America, were admitted to the second year class. Ten students, seven of whom had studied abroad, were admitted to the third year. A new group of 51 students, 30 of whom had studied abroad, was admitted to the fourth year, and eight Israel students who had studied medicine in Switzerland were admitted to the fifth year class.

Thus, about 80 students who had been studying medicine in other countries have returned to Israel in order to continue their studies and some others are expected to return shortly.

The total number of students enrolled in the Medical School for 1952/53 is 450, of whom 110 are already doing their year of internship (the seventh year of the course) at various hospitals in Israel. Twenty-three graduates will receive the M.D. degree on December 10, 1952, and in 1953, the degree will be conferred upon 93 graduates of the School.

Pupils Demonstrate On Teachers' Behalf

RAMAT GAN, Wednesday.— Demanding that their teachers be paid and return to work, pupils of the local Mizrahi secondary school struck today inside Municipal Hall.

Several boys created a disturbance in the offices by shouting and slaming doors. Police were summoned and after much persuasion the strikers left. The teachers' strike continues.

BEGGAR FOUND WITH IL.7,000 BANK ACCOUNT

RAMLE, Wednesday (ITIM). — When the superintendent of the Sarafand Hospital opened a suitcase belonging to Avraham Freis, 61, lonely old beggar and "social case," she found IL.300 in cash and a savings account book for IL.7,000. Freis was transferred to the Hospital after he suffered a heart attack on Monday.

Of Mice and Dentures

CHICAGO, Wednesday (Reuter). —Dr. Louis Jacobson, Director of the Argonne County Research hospital here, gave a squeaking white mouse an injection to save its life, before an audience of businessmen here yesterday.

This was a demonstration of experiments it is hoped will lead to a dentistry applied from atomic radiation to humans. The mouse was slowly dying from a heavy dose of radiation like that which would be released by an atomic bomb explosion.

The doctor said the substance used to save the mouse was obtained from recovered bone tissue, but scientists do not yet know precisely what life-saving matter is contained in the marrow.

In Vienna, a human tooth has been transplanted from one person to another.

Dr. Erhman Herschtal, lecturer at the University Dental Clinic, explained this unusual operation yesterday before the Association of Austrian Dentists.

Three years ago he pulled out a tooth from a boy to use and implanted it in a woman. The tooth grew normally.

Toys Going Out Today

Distribution of the toys and sweets collected by *The Post*-Ba'al Toy Fund begins today at more than 100 places throughout the country. The Government Transport Service has organized the distribution.

Yesterday's contributors included a Petrol Depot of the Israel Defence Forces near Tel Aviv, IL.50; CARE, IL.200 of toys and sweets; Elie Rabner, of Zurich, $5; and Anonymous, of Cyprus, £1.

Contributions yesterday stood at IL.671,600 and brought the total up to IL.4,453,829.

Prosecution Sums Up In Building Case

The Prosecution summed-up yesterday in the Jerusalem District Court trial of Mr. Z. Neuman, former Director of the Jerusalem Municipal Department of Canalization, Mr. M. Crystal, Municipal foreman, and Mr. S. Kahane, a private contractor.

The three are charged with having conspired to let Mr. Kahane use Municipal workers instead of his own and with having provided sub-standard cement in canalization work at Bet Mazmiel.

The Defence is to sum-up on December 21.

ON THE OCCASION of Hanukka, all schools and kindergartens will be closed next week.

Text of Presidential Address

Here follows President Ben-Zvi's inaugural address:

I wish to express my deep gratitude to the Members of the Knesset for the confidence they have reposed in me and the honour they have conferred upon me in electing me to be President of the State of Israel.

It is a long way going to convey the soul of the Jewish People to its seat, that supreme forum, the symbol of unity and ambition, which brought the ship of Israel to its destination above and who in the past built the foundations for the existence of the visions of the prophets of Israel by the days of old, and that of the coming days of Israel's Kingdom. Everyone believes first in his own day.

Great are my misgivings lest I am not found fit and prepare for the task and my double effective I shall command the strength to fill this office of supreme dignity and great responsibility—the task of inaugurating the young state in the difficult days we are facing.

We have done wonders in our time such as our fathers and their fathers before them had not seen since the Exodus from Egypt. We have witnessed the courage of our brothers and sons who have not faltered for a moment in subduing themselves as sacrifices on the altar of their love for land and people. With our own eyes we have been allowed to see miracles and salvation as in the days of the Hasmoneans, and before our very eyes there arose the great majority of the ingathering of our exiled sons from the four corners of the earth—in a greater measure than in the days of Zerubavel and Nehemia.

We are witnesses today of the wonderful process of the joining of the tribes of Israel, bone to bone, flesh to flesh, their being moulded into one people. An event unprecedented in the history of man has come to be: an ancient people condemned to exile and dispersion has sprung to life again, like an eagle, and has begun weaving the strands of its freedom some 2,000 years ago.

But while we have regained the land of our ancestors and restored the crown of our freedom, we have not yet attained full tranquility and security and the road before us is still long. We shall not conceal from ourselves the manifold dangers hovering over our heads. The blockade and the hostility of our neighbours is still before us. While we seek peace, they threaten war. Nor must we overlook the dangers inherent in our economic position and brought on by the immense task we have taken on ourselves assembling the dispersed and the rebuilding of the wastes.

But our profound faith in our mission and the eternal vestiges of our unflinching will to see the rule of justice, the hidden and mysterious powers of the House of Jacob which have preserved us down the generations and brought us this far—in them we have trusted and upon them rest our foundations.

The very achievements in the first semi-decade of the State of Israel and which are enshrined with the memory of the first President of blessed memory are proof that our hopes were not in vain. The population has grown two-fold; the number of settlements has doubled, our armed forces have become perfected, our international status has been consolidated, new sources of wealth have been discovered in our land, and broad vistas have been opened for the expansion of agricultural and industrial production. Our task is to continue the efforts to absorb and build also in the days to come, to watch incessantly the growth of the community and its population—in order to fulfill the words of the prophet Enlarge the place of thy tent and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes.'

The ingathering of exiles is the pivotal and most sublime idea of the State of Israel. It was this purpose which won the hearts of the best nations in the world for the support in the establishment of the State of Israel. We shall not be deterred from this purpose by anything, regardless of the worry of hatred and slander breathing against us. Many reservists remain unemployed in the Negev and Far East, as well as North and West. In all these places hundreds of thousands of our Jewish brothers are scattered, leading many of them a hard and unenviable existence, but ingathering also means building. Many of those who have become impoverished and broken in spirit, workers, labourers, men of science and professions, whose hearts yearn for their homeland and their people. To all of them applies one law, the Law of the Return which we adopted in the Knesset.

This historic task will not be discharged without the participation of the entire House of Israel in the West and the East. We need masses from all the countries and we need also individuals, men of ability and inspiration, men of capital and of labour. We call for pioneering forces from the lands of freedom whose gates have not been closed, but lo! we not despair for our brothers living in lands whose ways of departure are barred, for their hope is also not lost.

Our enterprise was one of peace from the start and is designed to bring peace to the entire world. Peace is as necessary to Israel as air is for breathing and we offer peace to near and far. We shall pray for peace and we shall do our part to bring it to the world, yet we shall not speak words of peace. Peace must be defended, because of talk alone it will not come. The strengthening of our security is a condition for peace in our region and in the entire world. And this too: peace, like an act of justice, begins at home, and thy desire is strong to bring about peace in Israel itself. If I succeed in promoting internal peace, that will be my reward. My wife will be by my side in this endeavour and I wish to convey her sincere greetings to the Knesset.

The fate of the nation, its future and its honour is in the hands of this legislature, in which I have had the privilege of serving as a member, as I served in the Provisional State Council. It is with no light heart that I take leave of the Knesset and I shall always follow with concern and confidence its work day by day.

A duty heavy with responsibility lies upon this House. It is not a parliament like other parliaments which conducts the affairs of states long in existence. Our house was twice destroyed. On this rock we are building a third house and we must build it firmly so that it should stand unto eternity. To our regret there are amongst us differences and partisanship. But there is one thing that unites us all, all the representatives of the people, the entire House of Israel—and that is our common anxiety for the existence, security and prosperity of the State of Israel and the hope of uniting all the tribes of Jacob into one nation, speaking one language and faithful to one homeland.

Before I take leave of the Knesset I should mention Jerusalem, the eternal capital of Israel. Generation after generation we pledged the call which was first taken by the writers of Babylon: 'If I forget thee, O Jerusalem.' Now we have been privileged to re-establish in this city the centre of our political life. Much has been done to strengthen its security and to wipe out its isolation from the rest of the country by forging a chain of new settlements linking the capital with the rest of the country. But much may still be done to fulfil the ancient precept: 'Walk about Zion and go round about her.'

And in conclusion I pray before the Rock of Israel and His Redeemer that He may grant us success and that in our days Judah achieve eternal salvation and Israel dwell in certainty.

CEREMONY OUTSIDE KNESSET BUILDING

A large friendly crowd, representing all walks of life, gathered along the roped off streets and overflowed into vantage points in windows and on the roofs of nearby buildings to view the arrival of Mr. Ben-Zvie at the Knesset.

The Police Band was stationed under the Knesset windows. Knesset members, most of them wearing dark suits, began arriving more than an hour before the inauguration ceremonies. At ten, the Prime Minister, Cabinet members, and members of the Diplomatic Corps arrived by car. At 10.15, a delegation of Knesset members, representing all parties, left for Mr. Ben-Zvie's house to "inform" him of his election as President and to invite him to appear in the Knesset to take the oath.

The Presidential convoy, flanked by motorcycle police and followed by a small unit of mounted police, appeared from the Jewish Agency building corner. At eleven, the Presidential car stopped in front of the Knesset, and the President's Military Adjutant opened the door. Dr. Michael Simon, Chief of Protocol, preceded Mr. Ben-Zvie from the car who was greeted by the Sergeant-at-Arms.

After the ceremony in the House ended, the Police Band played "Hatikva".

The President left the Knesset and reviewed the Police, Army, Navy and Air Force units stationed outside. The Commander of the Units, the Chief of Protocol, and the Military Adjutant escorted the President to his car. The car, flanked by mounted police, started towards the Municipality.

On Mt. Scopus yesterday, all guards and civilian employees of the Hebrew University and Hadassah held a parade on the occasion of the inauguration of the new President.

On the occasion of the President's inauguration, the Supreme Court did not convene yesterday.

Gustav VI Presents Nobel Prize Awards

STOCKHOLM, Wednesday (AP) — Scientists and dignitaries in top hats and tails took over this capital today as King Gustav Adolf of Sweden distributed the 1952 Nobel prizes to winners of four nations.

The prize winners are: Francois Mauriac, French novelist, Selman Waksman, Russian-born American microbiologist, Archer Martin and Richard Millington Synge, British biochemists, and Felix Bloch of Switzerland and Edward Mills Purcell of the U.S., nuclear physicists.

World Veterans Honour Lie's Work for Peace

LONDON, Wednesday (Reuter). — Mr. Trygve Lie, retiring Secretary-General of the United Nations, was awarded a scroll of honour for his work for peace by representatives of 25 million ex-servicemen of nearly 30 nations at their conference in London today.

The President of the executive board of the World Veterans Association, M. Albert Morel, of France, said the wisdom of giving the Secretary-Generalship to Mr. Lie in the first place "can be judged by the widespread regret felt at his decision to resign." His reasons for resigning "dramatically reflect his unselfishness and his subordination of personal ambitions to the supreme aim of international conciliation."

Party 'Protekzia' Scored by 'Pravda'

LONDON, Wednesday, (Reuter). — The Communist Party newspaper, "Pravda," today criticized local party organizations for their selection of party officials.

"Pravda" said Communist leaders tried to prevent youth from reaching responsible posts and built "a wall" around themselves. In an editorial broadcast by Moscow Radio the newspaper said, "Too many posts are filled on the strength of family and friendship ties and those who dare to criticize are pushed out."

Cables in Brief

GOODWILL — A Yugoslav goodwill mission left for New Delhi yesterday at the invitation of the Indian Government. The mission is headed by Radoljub Colakovic, chairman of the government Council for Science and Culture, and includes high government officers.

PORTUGAL — Four Portuguese army officers, a policeman and three civilians yesterday pleaded not guilty to plotting "a revolutionary movement" to overthrow the government.

TANKS — American tank and combat vehicle production is running at a rate twice those high figures a year ago, Secretary of the Treasury John Snyder announced in a speech in Chicago yesterday.

BRIDGE — The first faster-than-sound flight by a U.S. fighter plane completely equipped for combat was completed recently. The makers yesterday described the flight as having "bridged the gap" between the jet plane and the rocket plane.

CHAPLIN — A Berlin cinema director, Karl Jacob, has invited Charlie Chaplin to attend the German premiere of "The Great Dictator," Chaplin's satire on Hitler which he wants to arrange. The film was released in 1940.

HEAVYWEIGHT — A Sicilian, Carmelo Celso Maugeri, has given birth to a boy weighing seven-and-a-half kilograms. Normal weight is three to four kilograms.

RELUCTANT GENERAL — A former German Army General, Wilhelm Ulex, has fled to West Berlin seeking political asylum. He told the authorities yesterday that he had refused to join the potential East German army as a General.

REFUGEES — Some 4,500 political refugees from Cominform countries, including 475 soldiers, had escaped to Yugoslavia up to last September, the "Review of International Affairs," journal of the Yugoslav News Agency, reported yesterday.

OVERBOARD — Several people are believed to have been flung overboard and drowned when a Holland American liner and a German tanker were in collision near Rotterdam yesterday.

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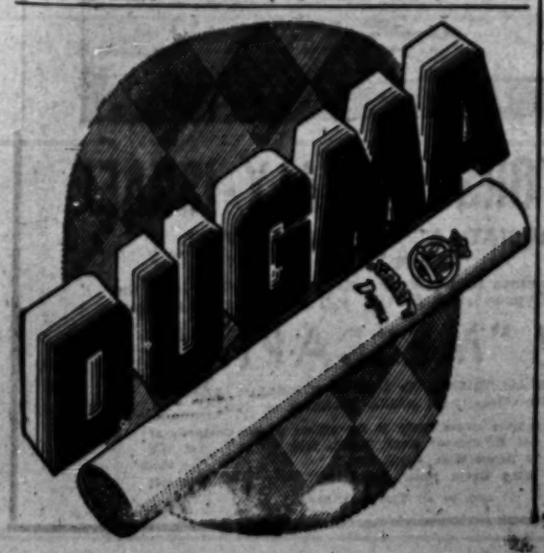

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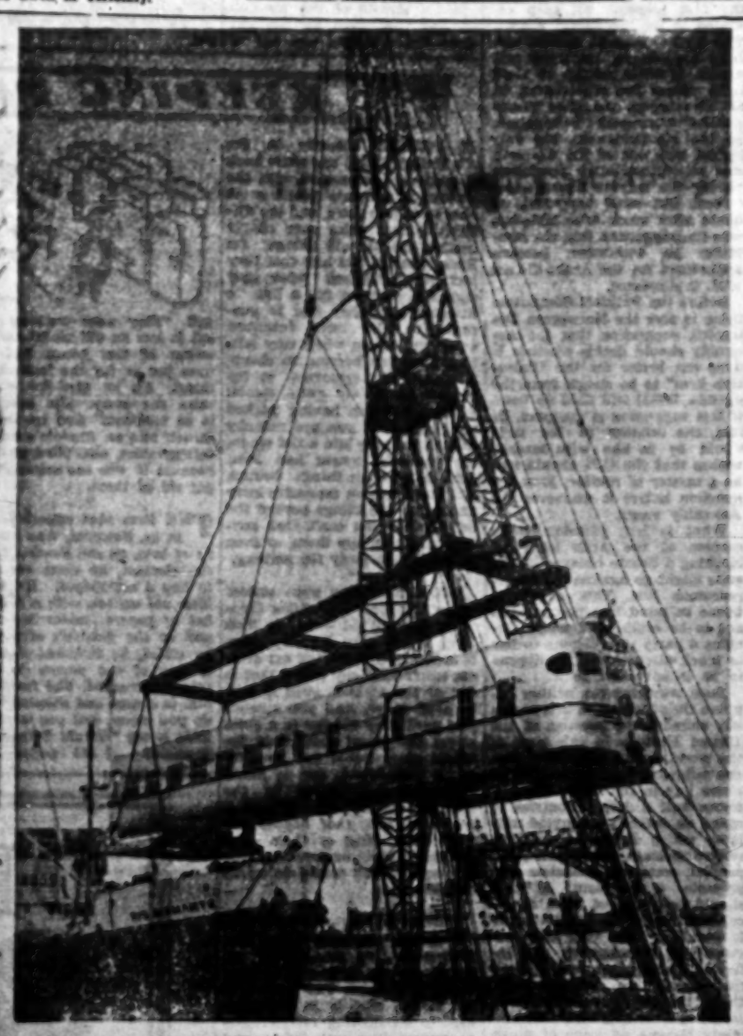

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BARREN POLICIES

THE fourth anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights was marked by two events on Tuesday, the eve of the traditional celebration. The Soviet Foreign Minister left the U.N. for home and instead of the formal customary farewell, expressed his view that the General Assembly had shown itself "unsatisfactory as an instrument for peace." On the same day the delegate of Norway, one of the sponsors of the eight-Power resolution on Palestine, suggested it should be withdrawn on the ground that it had not received the support of the two parties immediately concerned: though Israel had wholeheartedly agreed, the Arab States had not, and that made the proposed resolution "un-neutral."

There is, of course, no direct connection between these two events, but what they have in common cannot be better characterised than by the two words "unsatisfactory instrument." The fact that it was the Soviet Minister who used these words, although his own delegation has not, on the whole, contributed to greater effectiveness of the United Nations, cannot prevent the conclusion that, not for the first time, the machinery has failed, that once more one step forward was followed by two backwards.

In his statement of December 3, Israel's Ambassador had given a singularly cogent and perfectly frank summary of the position and its six major aspects. However critically his opponents may have listened, even they should by now have learned that, as Mr. Eban said, it leads nowhere to discuss grievances rather than solutions. And if the Arab delegates refused to acknowledge this elementary truth, greater wisdom might be expected of the organs of the United Nations. It was a hopeful sign when, exactly a week later, the eight neutral Powers submitted their revised resolution, calling for direct negotiations at an early date, adding the important proviso: "without prejudice to their respective rights and claims," and "recalling" previous U.N. resolutions. The Special Political Committee had before it another resolution, submitted by four Moslem Governments which proposed negotiations "on the basis" of those previous resolutions.

Israel had not only accepted the first proposal but even assented to the "recalling" phrase. The Arabs, through Syrian and Iraqi spokesmen, remained adamant in their refusal to start talks unless the repatriation of 850,000 refugees and other "prerequisites" were settled beforehand. In the circumstances, the only logical way out of the dilemma was an authoritative resolution paving the way to direct negotiation. But what happened, no doubt after much Arab lobbying, was the suggestion that the resolution be withdrawn because spokesmen for the Arabs did not wish it discussed.

Before the Political Committee there is now the Norwegian Delegate's suggestion that the Assembly should decide whether it were not better for the "Palestine item" to be struck from the agenda. Israel will shed no tears if this suggestion is accepted. In fact, the deletion of the item would be in line with Israel's wishes that the U.N. should not, as a matter of routine, have the question before it whenever the Assembly meets.

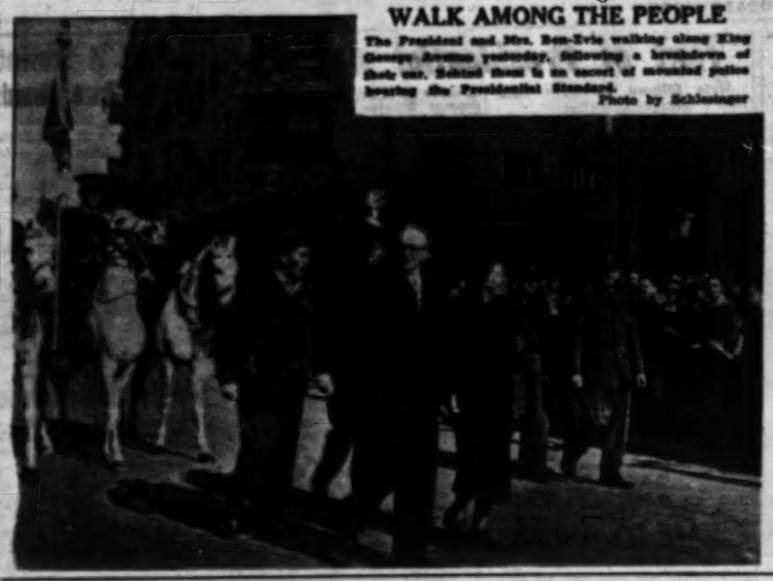
What is less pleasing is the success of the Arab lobby in blocking a debate because its results might go against their non-pensumus line. This might be borne in mind if a precedent is not to be established which enables a party to a dispute to bar or block discussion if it happens to be inconvenient to it.

Such wavering can neither improve the situation in this region nor enhance the prestige of the United Nations in this part of the world. Israel will regret that the failure of U.N. to take an incisive line in the cause of peace forces half a dozen countries to spend on defence uncounted millions which might be used to relieve distress among the Arab peoples, settle the homeless and promote development. If this should be regarded as a minor concern, recent events have made it manifest that "the twin viruses" of Communism and inflamed nationalism may spread throughout the Middle East. Under this aspect, peace between Israel and its neighbours has already become an issue of much more than regional importance.

Bonn to Ratify Pact in 6 Weeks

NEW YORK, [illegible]sday (JNA) — The reparations agreement between West [illegible]ANY and Israel and world Jewish organizations will be ratified by Bonn "within the next four to six weeks at the latest," Dr. Nahum Goldmann said here today.

WALK AMONG THE PEOPLE



The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvie walking along King George Avenue yesterday, following a breakdown of their car. Behind them is an escort of mounted police bearing the Presidential Standard.
Photo by Schlesinger

PARTITION BY COLOUR IN SOUTH AFRICA

Hatred Calls to Hatred

By HUGH LATIMER

EAST LONDON (S. Africa).—ACROSS the little valley which is no man's land, the East Bank native location looked like a medieval besieged township, with houses rising tier on tier to a climax of church towers. The silhouettes of the Ethiopian Church and the Baptist Chapel dominated the skyline; on either side of them the rooftops tumbled down hillsides. These church towers are still standing because their ministers are African. In the East London riots of November 9 every building in which a European worked was attacked, whether church, school or welfare centre. On that and the two following nights an Anglican and two Catholic churches were destroyed; these whites had identified themselves with the Africans and against the prevalent ideas of their own race. But it made no difference. A new spirit of exclusiveness is astir among the Bantu.

There was not a light to be seen on the opposite side — perhaps for fear the police investigate: the legend among the non-Europeans is that the police go out every night taking pot shots into the houses. There are many such Bantu legends about, and not only among the Bantu. Our party of journalists had a professional willingness to lend an ear to any story, but found no evidence.

We waited on the hilltop for more trouble, for the flicker of another flame. The native police on the road post smiled nervously as the Alsatian inside the car strained to get at them. Like many dogs in this country, he had been trained to hate a black man. In the city below, all was quiet.

No Control

Who was in control there? Certainly not the police. The police do not patrol the rocky unmade streets of the location on foot, not even by daylight when these streets are full of donkeys, chickens and children. They make occasional armed incursions in trucks and riot-cars to protect essential services or to carry out a raid. Their patrols are like sorties into hostile territory. Since the riot, no one sleeps in that territory who is not pure Bantu.

Many native locations in South Africa are like this. At night another power takes over. It may be a criminal gang, like the "Russians" in Johannesburg's suburb of Newclare; it may be a self-protection corps, that has developed the characteristics of a gang, like the "Civic Guards"; in the Cape towns it seems nowadays to be a political gang, the African National Congress in the Port Elizabeth locations, the African Youth League in the locations of East London. But nobody is sure. Both these organizations support the "defiance" campaign, which preaches non-violence, non-racialism. Whoever has been setting fire to churches and murdering suns in East London is no believer in these doctrines. Perhaps the Youth League pays only lip-service to them — or perhaps a new gang is uppermost. But it is not, really, surprising that Bantu nationalism should win to the top. Here, at night, the Bantu rules again in southern Africa.

Corrugated Kingdom

In the morning the sun shines pitilessly on the ramparts of this Bantu kingdom, reduced now to corrugated iron. Corrugated iron is a better building material than one is apt to imagine — and, anyway, it is in use throughout Africa. Many of the houses have four rooms and would be good accommodation for a single family. But they harbour six or eight families — one in each room and two or three in the outhouses in the yard. In the worst area there is one lavatory pan to 400 people.

We bumped along in a police car to see the cattle being dipped. Surprisingly they were fine animals, well-fed and of fine stock. One old man led in a beautiful Hereford bull. Outside the reserves Africans are forbidden to own land, so if they have savings they invest them in cattle. The stock will have to be limited soon, for the commonage on which they pasture will be too small to hold them in the dry weather. "More trouble" said the kindly Afrikaner police sergeant.

He talked quietly about the Africans. He thought they were being held back by living in a European community. They should have their own state, merging the Ciskei and Transkei native reserves. They should be allowed to offer their labour to the whites, certainly, but only as migrants, without rights, living in single men's barracks.

Perhaps, within his limited vision, that was now clearly — though it was not the family men and cattle-owners who burned the churches. He had spent his life on a police post, his back to the white, material civilisation he was defending, his face toward shanty-town. Apartheid does not have to be invented. It is in existence already in every town.

There is a white city and a black city. If you assume, as nine out of ten white South Africans do, that the black must never be allowed equal rights in the white man's city, then the just, the logical, the only solution is a full partition into white South Africa and "Bantustan."

Bitter Extremists

Meanwhile, the beginning of a new fissure is perceptible in South Africa. The blind racialism of Malan's "Purified National Party" is mirrored in the xenophobic nationalism of the African Youth League. Brutality is answered with savagery, hatred with hatred. Young toughs from the Transvaal say that the only good kaffir is a dead kaffir. The murderers of Dr. Quinlan had the same belief about whites.

The two have more in common with each other than with the people, no matter what their race, who wish to see a united multi-racial society.

(OPNS)

KEEPING POSTED

A FRIEND recently in the United States has come back a good deal impressed with the amount of property people seem able to collect there, and the difficulties that arise over simply getting rid of old things. An Israeli family told him that they had been surprised when they signed a contract for a flat to discover that they had to guarantee to take their furniture away with them when they left. Furniture has become so cheap, it seems, and removals so expensive that only quite special items are worth having packed and shifted. If you are unlucky enough to move into a flat where the previous tenant has been able to leave his things behind, you must hire an expensive lorry and dump the things beyond the city limits: you can't find anyone willing to buy them, or even to take them away for nothing.

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ANOTHER thing you cannot sell is a car more than three or four years old — not in New York in any case. Parking space is so valuable that used car dealers won't take any model that is out of the fashion, even if it is in good order. And you mustn't just park your old car in a quiet street and forget about it or the whole place would get jammed. If an abandoned car is found the owner is identified by the engine number, made to pay a fine, and take that beyond the city limits. Most of them were driven by their owners until the last minute and would be worth IL.5,000 here.

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ANOTHER Israeli who was about to come home had shipped his refrigerator on ahead so that it would be here when he arrived. The janitor of his house, who is in any case used to considering refrigerators as fixures like bath tubes, and not things for tenants to move about, asked him how he was going to manage without. The Israeli shrugged a shoulder and said "It's winter anyway." The janitor felt about it rather as though a man said he would do without water and light for the next couple of months, and invited him to come down into the cellar, where all the old refrigerators were stored from the last time they had been chan-

ged. "They were working O.K., but it was an old model and the owner of the house had new ones put in for the look of the thing. I'll be glad for you to take one away. The basement is so crowded." And he led the Israeli into an Aladdin's cave of refrigerators, also piled up there because it was too expensive to get rid of them.

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THE item that appealed most to us, however, was his story of how, on the Sunday before the election, he went out early to buy a newspaper. He saw a little old woman with a big packet of papers under her arm and as she wouldn't stop when he called, he twitched a corner of one of the papers to show what he wanted. She turned on him in a rage and shouted "what do you mean, sell you a paper? This is my "Herald Tribune." It consisted of 280 pages that morning, and just about the size of the packet that an Israel newsboy would carry.

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URUGUAY, which is apparently not as ignorant of Israel as we suspect most Israelis of being of Uruguay, has recently established a State of Israel School. It follows in the pattern of the other primary schools in Montevideo named for the United States of America, France, and other countries, has no direct connection with its patron state, and while it does not necessarily use the language of the patron for general purposes, it devotes a certain amount of extra time to subjects connected with that country. The Israel school spends more time than might be expected on the history and geography of Israel in more detail than might be expected, celebrates Israel Independence Day, and teaches Israel dances and songs, the latter in Hebrew. Only a small proportion of its pupils are Jewish, but all would like to hear from Israel children, in Hebrew or any other language they care to write though Spanish would probably be a help. The address is Escuela Estado de Israel, Montevideo.

Among today's contributors is J.J., Jerusalem.

Behind the Middle East News

SYRIAN PRESSURE ON THE LEBANON

By Achimoegel

WHEN Camille Chamoun took office as President of Lebanon, that country's main political features were as marked as ever: a feudal society's grip on the entire political machinery cemented by a mesh of personal intrigue, the precarious balance between the Christian and Moslem halves of the population and unstable relations with Syria. Has Chamoun's election brought a new departure to Lebanese politics?

To shake off some of the traditional feudal influences, Kamil Shehab's Government changed the constitution of parliament. The number of mandates was cut down from 77 to a 44 and the country was split up into 33 constituencies instead of the former 10 (22 districts returning one member only and the other 11 two). Voting was made compulsory for all men and for women with elementary education who were to cast their ballots for the first time in Lebanese history. The new law provides for an Upper House of 32 members, presumably in order to compensate for the resulting loss in public office.

For the time being the law is a stick to beat the present parliament (elected under the old law) into some form of obedience. Shehab has already intimated that he would ask the President to dissolve the house should it continue to revolt against the reforms. After their initial elation had passed, the "barons" who supported the "revolution" now want it stopped. Chamoun knows this.

Communities' Seats

Yet one specific feature of the old system is to remain. Unlike the municipal elections held this week, elections for the Chamber of Deputies are to be conducted on the basis of a fixed number of seats for each community: 23 Christians, 20 Moslems and one for the other minorities. This perpetuates the Christian ascendancy, though in reality the balance is thought to be much closer. It would be upset entirely if full rights were accorded to the 180,000 refugees, 60 per cent of whom are Moslems. Ostensibly Christians and Moslems are divided on this question which would tip the scales between the two communities. When Père Jamiyel, a leader of the Falanges (advocates of a "Little" Christian Lebanon) demanded that Lebanese refugees should be transferred to less crowded Syria and Iraq, Moslems raised hue and cry and recalled that the Lebanon had absorbed refugees in the past on a lavish scale: Armenians in 1916 and Poles and Yugoslavs in 1941.

Financially the refugees are not just a liability to the Lebanon. The capital influx which attended the movement of the refugees is estimated at £L.180m. The additional purchasing power is estimated at £L.7m. per month. The UN Relief and Work Agency has spent a monthly average of £L.1.5m. It has purchased relief goods on the local market to the tune of $1m. — in hard currency. Against this the Lebanese State has yearly contributed £L.1.5m. approximately to the relief of refugees. Chaumoun, in spite of his "Pan-Arabist" feelings, seems no more likely to accord the refugees citizens' rights or even to alleviate their situation, anymore than was his predecessor Bishara el Kheury or, for that matter, were the Lebanese Moslems.

Economic Tussle

The anticipation of a rapprochement with Syria has given way to a grim economic tug-of-war between the two countries. Present relations are far from satisfactory for the Lebanon. Last February the two Levant states ended the previous economic rupture with an agreement, and Lebanese merchants heaved a sigh of relief. But events showed that the agreement was largely on Syrian terms. Duty free imports, mainly cereals, were virtually all produced by Syria. A second group of customs-free goods, subject to protective duties only when imported from a third country, were largely a disadvantage to the Lebanon. Firstly this list concerned goods produced in Syria (and not in the Lebanon, as Lebanese producers bitterly complained). Secondly the "protective" duty led to a rise in prices of essential commodities (like cotton) which the Lebanon could not import in sufficient quantities from Syria. Also Syria's right to limit Lebanese re-export to Syria if Syria's "economic, political and military interests" so demanded, gave Syria a free hand to operate the agreement for her benefit. Under the agreement the Lebanese trade balance has been conspicuously unfavourable: £L.30m. worth of goods were imported from Syria while the corresponding export was only £L.3m.

The widespread propagation of an "economic union" hardly conceals misgivings that Syria will insist on a union on her terms, i.e. on the basis of her own state-directed economy. Propaganda for a union has been stimulated by the Syrian Government, which has also influenced powerful circles in the Lebanon to obstruct any Point Four project until agreement on economic unity is reached. These moves were pointed up by the accusations of Deputy Naboulsi Zouk that the standstill in Point Four activities was caused by the lack of Government initiative and by a statement made a few days ago by Mr. Holles Peter, Point Four Director in the Lebanon, to the effect that his organization would not start work until the Government had submitted plans for which Point Four assistance is appropriate.

Greater Syria Feared

Lebanese nationalists, like Père Jamiyel and his followers fear that economic union is only part of a larger scheme that may finally lead to the political absorption of the Lebanon. Neutral observers point to the strong pro-Syrian agitation now rampant in some parts of the Lebanon and think that Syrian influence in Moslem areas has considerably increased during the past few weeks. The same observers have also drawn attention to the fact that a trend to threaten the Government and to secure economic unity with Syria at any price has become apparent in recent disorders in Tripoli.

Chamoun's "departure" has so far had doubtful results. A self-styled "Socialist," he remains nevertheless in the hands of the landowners. As an avowed "Pan-Arabist", he is now engaged in warding off an economic Syrian stranglehold which eventually threatens the loss of his birthright: a predominantly Christian Lebanon.

Readers' Letters

ECONOMICS AND JUSTICE

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — I find your Economic Correspondent's arguments against the Government's Property Tax rather difficult to follow. When the Compulsory Loan was imposed on all cash-holdings and bank deposits six months ago, the Government gave a solemn undertaking that those who had converted their cash into property should not be exempt from bearing their share of the national burden, and that a Property Tax would be imposed for that purpose. At the time, the proposal was not seriously questioned, and it would surely be a breach of faith with the numerous citizens who possessed no property if the Government were now to go back on its word. Is not your correspondent taking a very narrow view of the scope and purpose of economics in speaking glibly of "leaving aside the social argument"? I have always understood that only the most reactionary economists would attempt to divorce economics from the sphere of social justice.

But your correspondent's economic arguments are not particularly convincing, either. If there is no ready cash in the country to pay the property tax, does your correspondent expect the tax payers to find the money to pay the arrears of income tax which everyone agrees the Government should make every attempt to collect? And what grounds are there for doubting the Government's intentions of using the money for development? It has already been allocated for that very purpose in the development budget passed by the Knesset, which also lays down in considerable detail the projects on which the money is to be spent.

Yours etc.,
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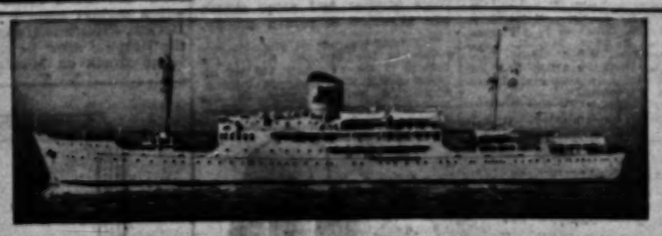
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